

Compilation and Analysis of Information in the Bay Area Directory of Assisted Housing

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Background

In March, 1982, the fourth edition of the <u>Bay Area Directory of Assisted Housing</u> was completed and distributed to ABAG member governments, Local Housing Authorities, regional and national depository libraries and HUD. Copies have also been made available to the public at large to assist lower income households find affordable shelter. The <u>Directory</u> lists privately owned rental and cooperative projects that use federal assistance to ensure that the housing will be available within the means of lower-income people.

A fifth edition, containing additional material required by the CDBG Discretionary Grant Contract, has now been completed. This edition has been expanded to include information on housing assistance programs administered by the twenty-four Local Housing Authorities (LHAs) in the ABAG service area. These added programs are:

- Section 8 Existing, including Moderate Rehabilitation and
 After Care
- Public Housing, owned and/or managed by LHAs

Table I, "Federal Housing Subsidies in the San Francisco Bay Area, April 1982," summarizes the data derived from the fifth edition of this Directory.

Table 1. Federal Housing Subsidies in the San Francisco Bay Area, April 1982*

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San Francisco	2,355	1,145 951 145 114	15,399	9,151	1,213	18,967	318,044
Napa	524	289 206 11 18	774	419	;	1,298	40,633
Marin	893	393 457 	1,554	226 679 649	:	3.0	94,061
Contra	4,761	2,816 1,704 102 139	5,921	4,103	. 54	10,736	261,198
Alameda	9,117	6,163 2,312 81 561	12,349	6,751 5,558 40	194	21,660	452,763
Regionwide	29,027	17,266 9,890 485 1,386	668,09	27,725 21,832 1,342	1,956	81,882	2,104,417
Service of the servic	Certificates Authorized	Family Elderly/Handicapped After Care Program Moderate Rehabilitation	Rental Units Subsidized (Public and Privately Owned)	Family Elderly/Handicapped Mixed**	Cooperative Units Subsidized	Total Subsidized Housing Tof total in each county	Total Mousing (1982, per D.O.F.)

*Comparable data on individual cities throughout the Bay Area is contained in the Appendix.

Summary

Throughout the Bay Area, there are now almost 51,000 rental units and over 2000 cooperative dwellings that are subsidized under one or more of the federal housing programs. In addition, Local Housing Authorities have been assigned about 29,000 Section 8 Existing certificates that may be issued to qualified lower income households. Thus, a total of about 82,000 households in Bay Area communities are currently receiving federal housing assistance.

Household Types Served by Subsidized Housing

Of the 29,000 units authorized under the Section 8 Existing program, almost 60%, or 17,266, are earmarked for families, while another 34% or 9,890 are for elderly and/or handicapped persons. The region's Local Housing Authorities report that they have less than 1400 units under contract with HUD in the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation program. The Section 8 After-Care program, a State program using federal housing subsidies to provide housing for handicapped people in local communities, has less than 500 units committed throughout the nine-county Bay Area.

Subsidized rental housing, both privately and publicly owned, and built under various federal assistance program, now amounts to almost 51,000 units, as mentioned earlier. Close to 43% of these--21,700 units--are committed to serve elderly and/or handicapped lower income people. An

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additional 9.9 thousand or about one-third of the region's Section 8 Existing Certificates are designated for elderly and/or handicapped people.

The distribution of elderly/handicapped housing among the nine counties is about the same as that for all subsidized housing. San Francisco, for example, with 23% of the region's subsidized housing, also has 23% of the region's subsidized elderly/handicapped housing. Fewer than one in seven of these units is subsidized by means of the Section 8 Existing Program, whereas about 85% are in projects built under one of the subsidy programs. Thus, San Francisco has relied heavily upon new construction programs to address the housing needs of lower income elderly and handicapped people.

In Alameda County, where almost 8,000 out of a total of almost 22,000 subsidized units are committed to elderly/handicapped people, the Section 8 Existing program is providing a much larger portion of the total than in San Francisco: almost 2,400 units, or one out of 3. Santa Clara County, with the third largest share (18%) of the region's assisted housing, is even more heavily oriented to the needs of elderly and/or handicapped households—over 41% of the subsidized housing in the county—and more heavily utilizes the Section 8 Existing program to meet these needs.

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Subsidized Housing and Estimated Housing Need

The latest housing count issued by the Department of Finance estimates that there are currently (in 1982) about 2,104,000 housing units in the Bay Area. This would indicate that less than 4% of this region's housing is subsidized under any of the federal assistance programs.* Studies conducted for ABAG's Housing Needs Report estimated that in 1980, about 39% of the region's households had income below the maximum allowed for eligibility to receive federal housing assistance. Assuming that same percentage is still a valid estimate in 1982, just over 10% of the lower income households in Bay Area communities are living in subsidized housing. This percentage varies widely, of course, from one county to another, as is indicated on Table II.

In San Francisco, for example, where 47% of the households are estimated to have incomes below 80% of the regional median, over 13% have the opportunity to live in assisted housing. By contrast, only 34% of all households in San Mateo County are in the lower income category, and less than 6% of these have the opportunity to obtain federal housing assistance.

^{*}This excludes consideration of housing built or rehabilitated with the help of CDBG funds and Section 235 mortgage assistance.



Table II. Federal Housing Subsidies and Lower Income Households, S.F. Bay Area, 1982

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Santa	468,645	36	169,000	14,831	8.79	0.83
San	228,765	34	78,000	4,694	6.03	0.57
San Francisco	300,312	47	141,000	18,967	13.44	1.28
Napa	37,353	40	15,000	1,298	8.69	0.82
Marin	90,462	36	33,000	2,447	7.51	0.71
Contra	251,000	34	85,000	10,736	12.58	1.19
Alameda	434,042	40	174,000	21,660	12.48	1.18
Regionwide	2,015,262	39	777,000	81,882	10,54	1.00
	Total Households (per D.O.F., 1982)	% Lower Income*	Lower Income Households % of total in each county	Subsidized Housing, 1982 % of total in each county	Subsidized Mousing as a % of Lower Income Mouseholds	Ratio: County & Regional &

*Households with incomes below 80% of the median for all households in the region.

Source: ABAG's Housing Needs Report, Technical Memorandum No. 2, dated March 30, 1982.



Data in Table III indicates that from 1975 to 1982, the number of subsidized units has almost doubled for the region as a whole. Among individual counties, however, the relative change has varied quite a bit. This is particularly evident from the changes in the percentage of total housing that is subsidized now, as compared with the percentages in 1975. Regionwide, for example, the supply of federally assisted housing grew from 2.35% of total housing in 1975 to almost 4% in 1982, representing a two-thirds increase in the proportion of all housing that is subsidized. In Napa and Sonoma Counties, the relative increase was much greater, rising from one to about three percent. On the other hand, counties in which relatively greater proportions of total housing were subsidized in 1975 showed the least gain by 1982. These include San Francisco, where the percentage subsidized rose from 4 to 6%, and Solano, from 3.5 to 4.4%.

With regard to "spatial deconcentration,"—the national policy goal of promoting the expansion of housing opportunities throughout the region—it is interesting to note that in all counties, the percentage subsidized moved toward the regionwide average. This is a direct result of the fact that counties with relatively greater concentrations of assisted housing in 1975 grew more slowly in this respect than the region as a whole, while those that had the smallest proportion grew much faster.



GROWTH IN PEPERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA COUNTIES, 1975 - 1982 (× 1000)

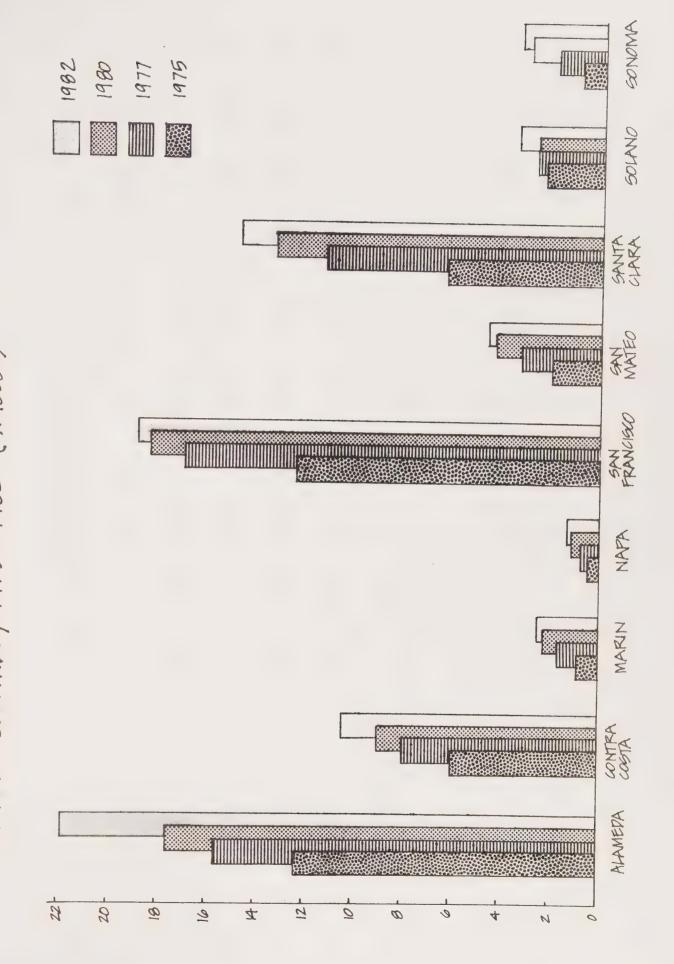




Table III. Federal Housing Subsidies in the San Francisco Bay Area, 1975 to 1982

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1980 - (fotal) % of Region	71.781	17,667	8,951	3.2	1,138	18,665	4,234	13,212	2,612 3.6	2,994
1982 - (Total) % of Region	81,882	21,660	10,736	3.0	1,298	18,967	4,694	14,831	3,856	3,393
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1975 (per 0.0.F.)	1,889,089	420,913	212,158	83,407	33,044	314,672	217,663	412,053	65,544	99,635
% Subsidized	2.35	2.93	2.86		1.03	3.97	0.93	1.54	3.47	0.95
Ratio: County & Regional &	1.00	1.25	1.22	0.47	0.44	1.69	0.40	99*0	1.49	0.38
1982 (per 0.0.F.)	2,104,417	452,763	261,198	94,061	40,633	318,044	236,167	484,566	88,656	128,329
% Subsidized	3.89	4.78	4.11	2.60	3.19	5.96	1.99	3.06	4.35	2.64
Ratio: County % Regional %	1.00	1.23	1.06	19.0	0.82	1.53	0.51	0.79	1.12	0.68

Note the changes in ratios of county-to-region percentages at the bottom of Table III. In 1975, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and Solano counties all contained greater proportions of subsidized to total units than the region as a whole, with ratios of 1.25, 1.22, 1.69 and 1.48, respectively. When 2.35% of all housing regionwide was subsidized, these four counties had higher proportions: 2.93%, 2.86%, 3.97% and 3.47%, respectively. Today, these counties still show higher concentrations than the regional average, but the gap has narrowed in each case, with ratios of 1.24, 1.04, 1.53 and 1.12, respectively. In the remaining five counties, the change was just the reverse, moving from much lower percentages up toward the regional average.

APPENDIX: Subsidized Housing in Bay Area Counties and Cities, April 1982

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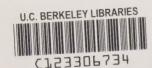
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